

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2697 - HB 2804

January 24, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes a person's intent to kill and intent to deprive the owner of the right to an animal's life from the offense of intentional or knowing unlawful killing of an animal. Offense is punishable as theft, graded according to the value of the animal.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$6,900/Incarceration*

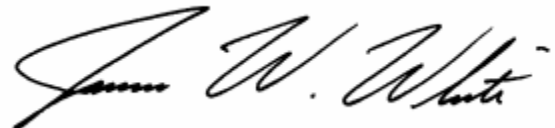
Assumptions:

- One offender per year will serve 0.3 years (109.58 days) for the Class E offense of knowingly and unlawfully killing an animal. According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2008 is \$62.78. The cost per inmate at 0.3 years is \$6,879.43 (\$62.78 x 109.58 days).
- No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.

**Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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